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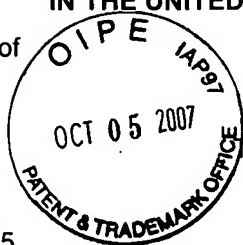
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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is in response to the re-mailed restriction requirement of September 5, 2007 (Paper No. 20070903), the date of response to which is October 5, 2007.

This second restriction requirement purportedly in compliance with the unity of invention requirement of national phase entries of PCT applications, is still believed defective. As the Examiner admits "the feature of a periodic microstructure, formed on at least one surface of the device such that surface plasmon modes are supported, is common to all of the species" is correct. However, the Examiner's suggestion that that claimed feature is not novel over the Scherer reference (U.S. Patent 6,534,798) is believed incorrect.

As previously discussed, the Scherer reference teaches a patterned metal electrode with holes therein (holes in the pattern are specified by the requirement that the thickness vary between 40 nm and 0 nm and 0 nm indicates 0 thickness, i.e., no metal thickness or a hole). The

Examiner is reminded that it is the claim language which must be considered with respect to unity of invention issues under the PCT requirements. Applicants' independent claim 1 specifies "at least one of the electrodes is a thin semitransparent metal covering" The metal electrode cannot "cover" if it has holes in it. This common technical feature is present on the first three of the four species listed by the Examiner on page 2 of the Official Action. Therefore, at most, there are two species, i.e., species I-III and species IV as detailed in the Official Action. Accordingly, reconsideration of the unity of invention issue with respect to the above claims and the fact that claim 1 is generic to three of the four species and therefore should be examined.

Notwithstanding the above and as required by the Examiner, Applicants again with traverse species I and claims 1, 2, 4, 6-10, 11, 14 and 15 readable thereon.

Having responded to all objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Official Action, Applicants elect with traverse species I and identifies claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 6-10, 11, 14 and 15 readable thereon. In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of the above claims, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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